Kochi Port Connectivity Project. These are targeted for completion by 2008.

(ii) 221 kms of NH-47 from Cherthalai to Kerala/Tamil Nadu Border is included under NHDP Phase-IIIA on build Operate & Transfer (B.O.T.) basis and is targeted for completion by December, 2009.

(iii) 435 kms of NH-17 from Karnataka/Kerala Border to Eddapally is identified under NHDP Phase-IIIB on BOT basis. Approval has been coveyed to NHAI for initiating advance action in form of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for NHDP Phase-IIIB.

National Highways Development in Assam

2630. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways development involving four laning under the road development plan is still non-started in Assam portion;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Total length of 690 km of National Highway has been taken up in Assam for four laning as part of East-West Corridor, out of which a length of 19 km has already been widened to 4 lanes. The work is in progress/awarded or Letter of Acceptance issued in 453 km. Remaining length of 218 km is yet to be awarded. The work is targeted to be completed by 2008.

Four-Lane National Highway in Goa

2631. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct a four-lane National Highway in Goa; and

(b) if so, the details of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 69 km. length of NH-4A and 139 km. length of NH-17 have been identified for 4 laning under NHDP Phase-III in Goa. Besides 18.3 km. length of NH-17B is being 4 laned under Port Connectivity.

Work on NH-31

2632. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Finance Committee note on the 2nd Revised Cost estimate for realignment of NH-31 from Falakata to Pundibari has been circulated for comments of the appraising agencies;

(b) if so, whether the agencies have submitted their opinion; and

(c) the steps being contemplated to ensure time-bound completion of the realignment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Expenditure Finance Committee note for 2nd Revised Cost estimate amounting to Rs. 6172.17 lakh for realignment of Falakata to Pundibari was circulated to appraising agencies. The comments of the appraising agencies have been received. The balance work can be taken up after sanction of the 2nd Revised Cost estimate. It may take about 2 years to complete the balance work after the award.

Proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways

2633. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had submitted thirteen proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways, costing about Rs. 118.04 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of them that have since been approved indicating their approved cost; and